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Jobless Rates Little Changed in Michigan's Regional Labor Markets from August to October

Lansing – Seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates fell in all of Michigan's 17 major labor market areas in September, but rose in most regions in October, according to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. The net impact over the two-month period was that rates were essentially unchanged in most regions.

"With ten of the 12 months of 2013 in the books, it's useful to analyze 2013 in comparison to the same period of 2012," said Michael Williams, acting director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives. "So far in 2013, most major regions in the state have shown steady unemployment rates, while the majority of areas have recorded employment gains."

From August to October, regional jobless rate changes were minor with ten areas posting declines, three regions recording increases and four areas showing no change. The largest unemployment rate advances from August to October were seasonal hikes in the Northeast and Northwest Lower Michigan regions of 0.8 and 0.6 of a percentage points respectively. Over this two-month period, 13 areas registered rate changes of only plus or minus 0.2 of a percentage point.

Jobless Rates Mixed Over Year

From the January to October 2012 average to the January to October 2013 average, regional unemployment rates were stable. Over this period, jobless rates were down in eight areas with a median decline of 0.3 of a percentage point. The largest drop of 0.8 of a percentage point was displayed in the Detroit-Warren-Livonia Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). From 2012 to 2013, six regions recorded unemployment rate gains, with rates advancing by only 0.3 of a percentage point or less. Rates in the Ann Arbor, Jackson, and Monroe MSAs were unchanged over this period.

Total Employment Mixed Over Last Two Months, Up Over Year

From August to October, total employment declined in nine regions, rose in seven areas, and was essentially unchanged in the Bay City MSA.

From the January to October 2012 average to the January to October 2013 average, total employment rose in 13 Michigan regions with a median gain of 1.0 percent. The largest total employment gains were posted in the Grand Rapids-Wyoming, Muskegon-Norton Shores, and Holland-Grand Haven MSAs. Over this period, four state regions recorded mostly minor total employment declines. Employment was down in the Saginaw-Saginaw Township North, Niles-Benton Harbor, and Monroe MSAs along with the Northeast Lower Michigan region.

Note: Due to the partial federal government shutdown, this release details employment and unemployment trends for both September and October 2013. November 2013 data will be released as originally scheduled on January 6, 2014.

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Labor Force Levels Mixed from August to October, Up Over Year

From August to October, workforce levels rose in eight regions and fell in eight areas, while the level in the Saginaw-Saginaw Township North MSA was essentially unchanged. From the January to October 2012 average to the January to October 2013 average, 13 regions posted labor force gains while workforce levels declined slightly in the Niles-Benton Harbor, Saginaw-Saginaw Township North, and Monroe MSAs along with the Northeast Lower Michigan region.

Seasonal Gains Reported in Several Michigan Industry Sectors

The monthly survey of employers indicated that seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs in Michigan increased by 27,000 or 0.7 percent in October to 4,152,000. This followed a 37,000 payroll job gain in September. Private sector jobs rose in October by 13,000 or 0.4 percent. Within the private sector, a seasonal decline in leisure and hospitality services (-10,000) was more than offset by seasonal gains in professional and business services (+9,000), education and health services (+8,000), and retail trade (+3,000).

Government jobs increased seasonally from September to October by 14,000, and rose by 70,000 or 12.6 percent from August to October with the return of students to colleges, universities and local schools for the fall semester.

From September to October, payroll jobs increased in 12 of the 14 metropolitan areas in the state, with gains ranging by 0.3 to 1.6 percent. Jobs were down slightly over the month in the Niles-Benton Harbor MSA, while jobs in the Muskegon-Norton Shores MSA were essentially unchanged. Government jobs were up or stable in all metropolitan regions over the month with the largest percentage gains recorded in the Kalamazoo-Portage, Ann Arbor, and Lansing-East Lansing MSAs.

From October 2012 to October 2013, seasonally unadjusted payroll jobs increased statewide by 72,000 or 1.8 percent. Payroll jobs rose over the year in nearly all of Michigan's major industry sectors led by increases in professional and business services (+19,000), manufacturing (+18,000), and trade, transportation and utilities (+17,000). Other notable gains were posted in leisure and hospitality services (+8,000), education and health services (+6,000), and construction (+4,000).

Since October 2012, overall payroll jobs rose in 12 metropolitan regions with an average advance of 1.1 percent. The Saginaw-Saginaw Township North registered a minor job decline over the year, while jobs in the Bay City MSA were little changed. The largest over-the-year percentage job increases were displayed in the Grand Rapids-Wyoming, Holland-Grand Haven, and Muskegon-Norton Shores MSAs.

County Jobless Rates Up Over Month

Seventy-five of Michigan's 83 counties recorded moderate unemployment rate increases in October which averaged a half percentage point. Jobless rates fell over the month in six counties, most of which were in the Detroit area. Two county rates were unchanged over the month. In October, 57 counties reported unemployment rates below 10.0 percent, and 12 counties displayed rates below the non-seasonally adjusted U.S. rate of 7.0 percent.

*Note: Data in this release is **not seasonally adjusted**. As a result, employment and unemployment trends may differ from previously released Michigan seasonally adjusted data.*

A breakdown of seasonally unadjusted September and October workforce estimates for Michigan and its 17 major labor market areas follows, along with a listing of county jobless rates for October.

Note to Editors: Please ensure that the source for state unemployment rates reads "Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget."

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	<u>Oct-12</u>	<u>Aug-13</u>	<u>Sep-13</u>	<u>Oct-13</u>	% change month	% change year
ANN ARBOR MSA (Washtenaw County)						
Civilian Labor Force	183,200	183,800	183,600	185,200	0.9%	1.1%
Total Employment	174,300	172,400	173,300	174,100	0.5%	-0.1%
Unemployment	9,000	11,400	10,300	11,100	7.8%	23.3%
Rate (percent)	4.9	6.2	5.6	6.0		

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BATTLE CREEK MSA (Calhoun County)						
Civilian Labor Force	63,600	64,100	63,800	64,000	0.3%	0.6%
Total Employment	59,600	59,300	59,400	59,400	0.0%	-0.3%
Unemployment	4,000	4,700	4,400	4,600	4.5%	15.0%
Rate (percent)	6.3	7.4	6.9	7.2		

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BAY CITY MSA (Bay County)						
Civilian Labor Force	51,500	52,100	51,800	51,900	0.2%	0.8%
Total Employment	47,900	47,600	47,600	47,600	0.0%	-0.6%
Unemployment	3,600	4,500	4,200	4,400	4.8%	22.2%
Rate (percent)	7.0	8.6	8.1	8.4		

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DETROIT-WARREN-LIVONIA MSA (Data in thousands) (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Livingston, St. Clair counties)						
Civilian Labor Force	2,026	2,067	2,060	2,036	-1.2%	0.5%
Total Employment	1,816	1,865	1,867	1,852	-0.8%	2.0%
Unemployment	210	202	193	183	-5.2%	-12.9%
Rate (percent)	10.4	9.8	9.4	9.0		

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FLINT MSA (Genesee County)						
Civilian Labor Force	182,500	185,200	184,400	185,500	0.6%	1.6%
Total Employment	167,100	167,300	167,500	167,500	0.0%	0.2%
Unemployment	15,400	18,000	16,900	18,000	6.5%	16.9%
Rate (percent)	8.4	9.7	9.2	9.7		

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GRAND RAPIDS - WYOMING MSA						
(Barry, Ionia, Kent, Newaygo counties)						
Civilian Labor Force	389,500	405,600	401,500	402,800	0.3%	3.4%
Total Employment	367,200	379,600	377,600	377,500	0.0%	2.8%
Unemployment	22,300	26,000	23,900	25,300	5.9%	13.5%
Rate (percent)	5.7	6.4	6.0	6.3		

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HOLLAND - GRAND HAVEN MSA						
(Ottawa County)						
Civilian Labor Force	130,100	133,200	133,500	133,800	0.2%	2.8%
Total Employment	122,600	124,500	125,500	125,200	-0.2%	2.1%
Unemployment	7,400	8,700	8,000	8,600	7.5%	16.2%
Rate (percent)	5.7	6.5	6.0	6.4		

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JACKSON MSA						
(Jackson County)						
Civilian Labor Force	69,500	70,700	70,100	70,500	0.6%	1.4%
Total Employment	64,400	64,500	64,500	64,400	-0.2%	0.0%
Unemployment	5,100	6,100	5,700	6,100	7.0%	19.6%
Rate (percent)	7.4	8.7	8.1	8.6		

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KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE MSA						
(Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties)						
Civilian Labor Force	159,600	161,700	161,700	161,900	0.1%	1.4%
Total Employment	149,400	149,800	150,600	150,100	-0.3%	0.5%
Unemployment	10,200	11,900	11,100	11,800	6.3%	15.7%
Rate (percent)	6.4	7.3	6.9	7.3		

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LANSING - EAST LANSING MSA						
(Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties)						
Civilian Labor Force	232,700	229,300	232,300	234,300	0.9%	0.7%
Total Employment	218,300	212,100	216,700	217,700	0.5%	-0.3%
Unemployment	14,400	17,100	15,600	16,600	6.4%	15.3%
Rate (percent)	6.2	7.5	6.7	7.1		

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MONROE MSA						
(Monroe County)						
Civilian Labor Force	68,900	69,300	69,200	69,500	0.4%	0.9%
Total Employment	64,200	63,900	64,200	64,200	0.0%	0.0%
Unemployment	4,600	5,500	5,000	5,300	6.0%	15.2%
Rate (percent)	6.7	7.9	7.3	7.7		

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MUSKEGON - NORTON SHORES MSA						
(Muskegon County)						
Civilian Labor Force	82,400	86,400	84,900	84,800	-0.1%	2.9%
Total Employment	76,200	79,100	78,000	77,400	-0.8%	1.6%
Unemployment	6,200	7,400	7,000	7,300	4.3%	17.7%
Rate (percent)	7.6	8.6	8.2	8.7		

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NILES - BENTON HARBOR MSA						
(Berrien County)						
Civilian Labor Force	71,900	73,400	72,300	72,000	-0.4%	0.1%
Total Employment	66,500	67,000	66,400	65,800	-0.9%	-1.1%
Unemployment	5,400	6,400	5,900	6,200	5.1%	14.8%
Rate (percent)	7.6	8.7	8.2	8.6		

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SAGINAW-Saginaw Township North MSA						
(Saginaw County)						
Civilian Labor Force	89,400	90,200	90,000	90,200	0.2%	0.9%
Total Employment	82,800	82,300	82,400	82,200	-0.2%	-0.7%
Unemployment	6,600	7,900	7,600	8,000	5.3%	21.2%
Rate (percent)	7.4	8.8	8.4	8.8		

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UPPER PENINSULA LMA						
(15 counties)						
Civilian Labor Force	145,600	149,100	148,600	147,200	-0.9%	1.1%
Total Employment	135,400	136,300	136,700	134,500	-1.6%	-0.7%
Unemployment	10,300	12,800	11,900	12,600	5.9%	22.3%
Rate (percent)	7.0	8.6	8.0	8.6		

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NORTHEAST LOWER MICHIGAN						
(Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon counties)						
Civilian Labor Force	83,800	88,200	86,600	84,600	-2.3%	1.0%
Total Employment	76,400	79,400	78,200	75,500	-3.5%	-1.2%
Unemployment	7,300	8,900	8,400	9,100	8.3%	24.7%
Rate (percent)	8.7	10.0	9.7	10.8		

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NORTHWEST LOWER MICHIGAN						
(Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Manistee, Wexford counties)						
Civilian Labor Force	142,600	153,300	147,300	144,400	-2.0%	1.3%
Total Employment	131,700	140,400	135,100	131,500	-2.7%	-0.2%
Unemployment	10,900	12,900	12,200	12,900	5.7%	18.3%
Rate (percent)	7.7	8.4	8.3	9.0		

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MICHIGAN (Data in thousands)						
Civilian Labor Force	4,664	4,761	4,737	4,712	-0.5%	1.0%
Total Employment	4,275	4,345	4,346	4,319	-0.6%	1.0%
Unemployment	389	415	391	393	0.5%	1.0%
Rate (percent)	8.3	8.7	8.3	8.3		

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Note:

The table above contains **seasonally unadjusted** data for Michigan for 2013 and 2012, which should be used in comparison with data for Michigan regions or counties.

DTMB released earlier the **seasonally adjusted** October 2013 unemployment rate for Michigan (9.0 percent), which is best used for:

- Identifying recent Michigan workforce trends
- Conducting comparisons with unemployment rates for the U.S. and other states

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**MICHIGAN COUNTIES RANKED BY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
OCTOBER 2013**

1	Barry County	5.6	43	Lapeer County	8.9
2	Clinton County	5.9	44	Benzie County	9.0
3	Eaton County	5.9	45	Delta County	9.0
4	Mackinac County	5.9	46	Gratiot County	9.0
5	Washtenaw County	6.0	47	Alpena County	9.1
6	Leelanau County	6.1	48	Shiawassee County	9.1
7	Kent County	6.2	49	Gogebic County	9.3
8	Menominee County	6.4	50	Hillsdale County	9.4
9	Ottawa County	6.4	51	Manistee County	9.4
10	Allegan County	6.8	52	St. Clair County	9.4
11	Ionia County	6.8	53	Alger County	9.6
12	Isabella County	6.9	54	Genesee County	9.7
13	Dickinson County	7.0	55	Sanilac County	9.7
14	Calhoun County	7.2	56	Tuscola County	9.8
15	Kalamazoo County	7.2	57	Oceana County	9.9
16	Midland County	7.2	58	Crawford County	10.1
17	Grand Traverse County	7.3	59	Emmet County	10.1
18	Cheboygan County	7.4	60	Wayne County	10.1
19	Newaygo County	7.4	61	Antrim County	10.2
20	Cass County	7.5	62	Luce County	10.2
21	Huron County	7.5	63	Charlevoix County	10.3
22	Livingston County	7.5	64	Montcalm County	10.4
23	Marquette County	7.5	65	Ogemaw County	10.5
24	Van Buren County	7.5	66	Osceola County	10.5
25	Monroe County	7.7	67	Chippewa County	10.6
26	Ingham County	7.8	68	Otsego County	10.7
27	Oakland County	7.8	69	Clare County	11.4
28	St. Joseph County	7.8	70	Roscommon County	11.4
29	Mason County	8.1	71	Iosco County	11.5
30	Bay County	8.4	72	Wexford County	11.5
31	Houghton County	8.4	73	Arenac County	11.9
32	Lenawee County	8.4	74	Schoolcraft County	12.2
33	Branch County	8.5	75	Missaukee County	12.3
34	Berrien County	8.6	76	Presque Isle County	12.3
35	Jackson County	8.6	77	Lake County	12.5
36	Keweenaw County	8.6	78	Gladwin County	12.7
37	Mecosta County	8.6	79	Ontonagon County	13.3
38	Iron County	8.7	80	Alcona County	13.5
39	Muskegon County	8.7	81	Montmorency County	14.0
40	Kalkaska County	8.8	82	Baraga County	16.0
41	Macomb County	8.8	83	Oscoda County	17.5
42	Saginaw County	8.8			

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